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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Including Discussion of "Monster Plot" in
New Supergrade Course
REFERENCE: Memo from DDA to DCI dtd 14 April 1978,
same subject

1. I read your memo on including the "Monster Plot" in the supergrade course. I am afraid I think it reflects primarily a sensitivity to continued discussion of a dark period in our Agency's history. I don't like to talk about it either, but I also don't like to forget about it. The issue is ensuring that this kind of thing never arises again, whether it is in the DDO, the DDA, the DDS&T or the NFAC.

2. I think that this is such an important topic that people who are going to be our top managers need to know that the Agency does have a besmirched escutcheon here. They need to know the facts of this so that they can put it in perspective (e.g., so many of our people make the shallow contention that the Agency really has never done anything wrong whatsoever; it was all directed by Kissinger, Nixon, etc. I don't think the Agency has done very much wrong but [redacted] is an egregious case and if you and I don't take every precaution to ensure that it doesn't happen again, we could be endangering the Agency's future.) 25X1

25X1 3. As for having [redacted] conduct this part of the course, I see utterly no conflict of interest here. The conflict we talked about before was whether having done this [redacted] should be permitted to have a contract for a follow-on effort. We ruled against such a procedure. For him to brief on the study which he did seems to me only to be utilizing the man's particular qualifications. In short, nothing in the way he did the study ever could be construed as setting us up to ensure that he'd be called back and given more money to do something additional by way of briefing the study. 25X1

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4. I request you persist with this one as I'm certainly going to discuss it with the supergrades when my turn at bat comes up in their course.

5. I agree that the "Monster Plot" was much more a matter of DDO and DDA than DDS&T and NFAC. However, the basic purpose of the supergrade course is to make these officers feel a part of the Agency as a whole and to share the pride, responsibility and understanding of its total operations. It may be more important for DDS&T and NFAC to learn about the "Monster Plot" than DDA and DDO since the latter two offices probably know something about it already.


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